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School Psychology

Sensation

In the previous articles of this series we have treated the question mainly in an objective manner; we have dealt almost entirely with the biological modifications formed in the nervous system as a result of the activities of the individual, and have sought to point out some of the duties of the teacher and parent in this connection. So far, consciousness has gained only passing attention, but no survey can make any claim to completeness which deals only with organic adjustments and modifications. We shall, therefore, attempt an examination of the conscious processes, starting with a consideration of sensation.

We learned in an earlier lesson that the stimulation of an end organ caused an excitement of particular portions of the nervous system. At that time, however, we considered only the practical side of the stimulation as connected with instinct or the reflex action. But in addition to this, nearly every stimulation of an end organ produces an effect on consciousness, this effect being called a sensation. Thus when the child put his hand on a hot stove a reflex action took place in the nervous system which caused the hand to be withdrawn to a place of safety; now consciousness was not a factor in the reflex but the child was afterwards conscious of the whole proceeding and experienced the so-called SENSATION OF HEAT. A sensation may therefore be defined as "the conscious correlate of the stimulation of an end organ and the transference of this stimulation to the appropriate brain centres."

Nobody can doubt the great importance of sensations. To all practical intents and purposes consciousness is the mind and the mind is consciousness; and it is easily seen that consciousness is composed of the various sensations which result from the activities of the organism. In very low animal forms reflexes serve to make the necessary adjustments and there are no sensations in the true sense of the word. In somewhat higher forms these reflexes are supplemented by instinct with very imperfect sensations. With man, though reflexes and instincts have a place it is consciousness and reason that serve to lift him so high above the plane of the brute. And since sensation forms all the raw material for consciousness and knowledge, its importance can hardly be over-estimated.

From an educational standpoint the teacher may no doubt regulate to a certain degree the variety and number of sensations which the pupil shall experience. The real sphere of the educator, however, lies in a more practical and important direction. While sensations form the raw material of knowledge, it is no less true that the end organs form the doors by which sensations enter into consciousness, and are for that reason sometimes called "organs of sense." It is therefore necessary that the sense organs of the child should be as acute as possible—particularly the organs of sight and hearing. As a result of thousands of observations carried on in all parts of the world, it is learned that the most backward scholars are almost always defective either in sight or hearing. Many children who would otherwise be very clever, are severely handicapped by some slight defect of the eye which could easily be corrected if looked after in time. Criminals and idiots are nearly always defective in some sense organ, usually the eye. It is certainly high time for medical inspection to be introduced into the schools of New Brunswick.

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General Offensive Seems to Have started

London, April 9.—The British early

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The British commander, General Haig, whose reports are always modest, says the general line has been penetrated everywhere and that satisfactory progress was made in the direction of Cambrai and St. Quentin, the important positions in connection with the new German line. The extension of the attack northward to Lens, doubtless intended to give the British more elbow room for their operations from Arras to the point of juncture with the French around St. Quentin.

London, April 9, 1.45 p. m.—British troops to day penetrated the German lines all along a wide front from Arras to Lens, the war office announced. The statement says that in the direction of Cambrai the British have stormed the villages of Hermies and Boursies, and penetrated Havincourt wood, in the direction of St. Quentin. The British took Fresnoy Le Petit and advanced their line southeast of Leverguier. No estimate of the number of Germans captured can yet be given, the statement says, but the number is considerable. Referring to the attack on the front between Arras and Lens, the statement says, "we are making satisfactory progress at all points."

Gerard Describes Cruelty of Germans

New York, April 9.—British charges of cruel treatment received by war prisoners in Germany are confirmed by James W. Gerard. For the first time since his return from Germany the former American ambassador, at the dinner of the Canadian Club Monday night, told some of the things he had seen on visits to the German prison camps.

"I have seen small boys," said Mr. Gerard, "march about the prison camps armed with bows and arrows and shoot arrows, tipped with nails, at the prisoners. At another camp I visited they had trained German sheep dogs to bite British soldiers and when the guards went through the camp they took the trained dogs with them."

"Another time there was taken fever in a camp where Russians were interned. Saying that all the allies should stick together, the Germans placed English and French prisoners

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with the Russians in the typhus camp, thus condemning numbers of them to certain death."

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